

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened to learn of the death of one of the Show-Me State's most illustrious citizens, John Willie Head, on Monday, November 10, 2003, at the age of seventy-four; and

Whereas, born on August 19, 1929, into the family of Willie and Alberta (Miles) Head, John Head found his life's direction at an early age when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at Coleman Temple CME Church in Kinloch, Missouri, where he subsequently served on the Steward Board and founded the church's College Fund; and

Whereas, John Head studiously applied himself to his formal education, first at Vernon School, then in the Kinloch school system where he was an All-American high school athlete, and finally at Lincoln University in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, a former Kansas City Monarch player with the Negro Baseball League, John Head also deserves mention of his impressive labors in construction, retirement from BiState Transit in 1979, and work as an owner/operator cab driver at the airport until 2000; and

Whereas, the late John Head is survived by his devoted wife of many years, Delores; loving mother, Alberta Hinton; children and their spouses, Evelyn Head, Pat and Nathaniel Johnson, Joyce and Terry Martin, John and Thelma Head, Juanita and Elbert Walton, Willie and Diane Head, Charles and Deborah Head, and Sharon and Jesse Gill; and

Whereas, John Head is also survived by grandchildren, Brian, Marcus, Michelle, Tawana, Nicole, John, Elbert, Jason, Johnathan, Janelle, Jesse, Austin, Justin, Katrina, Vincent, and Eddie; six great-grandchildren; three stepsisters; cousins; nieces; nephews; and a host of other family members and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously with the Honorable Juanita Head Walton to memorialize the life and work of her father, John Head, and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his many family members, friends, and colleagues who now miss his considerable light and warmth in their daily lives; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in loving memory of John Willie Head.

Offered by members of the Missouri Black Caucus: Representatives Craig Bland, No. 43, Amber (Holly) Boykins, No. 60, Sharon Sanders Brooks, No. 37, Melba J. Curls, No. 41, Yaphett El-Amin, No. 57, Esther Haywood, No. 71, Theodore Hoskins, No. 80, Rodney R. Hubbard, No. 58, Connie L. Johnson, No. 61, Robin Wright-Jones, No. 63, Betty L. Thompson, No. 72, Juanita Head Walton, No. 81, Sherman Parker, No. 12, and Yvonne S. Wilson, No. 42

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4629, adopted November 13, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker